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IZMIR FOR ROCKEFELLER ASSISTANT CANZERI

USUN FOR KATHY HULDRUM, RM. 5600, 30 ROCKEFELLER PLAZA,
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SECSTATE FOR A - CLARK

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: OVIP (ROCKEFELLER, NELSON A.)
SUBJECT: ROCKEFELLER VISIT

REF: KUWAIT 2262

1. EMBASSY HAS BEEN INFORMED BY AMIRI DIWAN AND
MINISTRY OF INTERIOR (MOI) THAT ROCKEFELLER SECURITY
PERSONNEL WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO CARRY THEIR WEAPONS
IN KUWAIT. (MOI SUGGESTS THAT WEAPONS BE LEFT ABOARD
CLOSED AIRCRAFT.) ONLY OFFICIAL SECURITY SERVICES, SUCH AS
US SECRET SERVICE (OR STATE'S SY), ARE PERMITTED TO CARRY
WEAPONS IN KUWAIT UNDER PROTECTIVE ARRANGEMENTS APPROVED
BY KUWAIT SECURITY AUTHORITIES.

2. CHIEF OF KUWAIT PROTECTIVE SECURITY POLICE (KUWAIT
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GOVERNMENT'S VIP PROTECTION UNIT) STATED THAT GOK IS
PREPARED TO PROVIDE ALL PROTECTIVE SERVICES REQUIRED
FOR FORMER VICE PRESIDENT AND MRS. ROCKEFELLER DURING
ENTIRE VISIT TO KUWAIT, INCLUDING PERSONAL BODY GUARDS FOR
BOTH, BULLET-PROOF VEHICLE, FOLLOW CARS, HOTEL SECURITY,
AIRPORT AND ROUTE SECURITY. AMIRI DIWAN UNDERSECRETARY AL-
ARADI CONFIRMED THIS TO AMBASSADOR AND STATED THAT GOK WILL

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PROVIDE CARD FOR PARTY FOR ENTIRE VISIT. PROTECTIVE SECURITY POLICE ARE READY TO COORDINATE SECURITY NEEDS TOGETHER WITH ROCKEFELLER SECURITY PERSONNEL WHO WILL BE PERMITTED TO ACCOMPANY THEM AS REQUIRED DURING VISIT, HOWEVER, WITHOUT WEAPONS. PROTECTIVE SECURITY CHIEF INDICATED DESIRE TO CONSULT WITH ROCKEFELLER PARTY ADVANCE MAN TO INSURE THAT SATISFACTORY ARRANGEMENTS ARE WORKED OUT. PLEASE ADVISE WHETHER AND WHEN ROCKEFELLER PARTY REPRESENTATIVE WILL ARRIVE IN ADVANCE OF PARTY. EMBASSY HAS NOT RECEIVED NOTICE OF ADVANCE MAN'S ITINERARY (STATE 75091, PARA 3).

3. AL-ARADI ALSO INFORMED AMBASSADOR OF DETAILS OF GOVERNOR ROCKEFELLER'S SCHEDULE, WHICH ARE AS FOLLOWS:

0930 MEETING WITH AMIR, H.H. SHAIKH JABER AL-AHMAD AL-JABER AL-SABAH

1030 MEETING WITH CROWN PRINCE/PRIME MINISTER

1115 MEETING WITH MINISTER OF FINANCE, ABDUL-RAHMAN AL-ATEEQI

1200 MEETING WITH MINISTER OF OIL, SHAIKH ALI AL-KHALIFAH AL-AZBI AL-SABAH

4. AL-ARADI ALSO SPOKE SOMEWHAT LESS PRECISELY ABOUT
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ARRANGING SOME EVENTS FOR MRS. ROCKEFELLER SUCH AS VISIT TO HANDICAPPED SOCIETY'S INSTALLATION AND SCHOOL FOR BLIND CHILDREN, AS WELL AS POSSIBLE VISIT TO KINDERGARTEN. TIMING FOR SUCH VISITS ALSO WAS NOT CLEAR WITH POSSIBILITY THEY COULD OCCUR EITHER IN MORNING OR IN LATE AFTERNOON ABOUT 5 P.M. AMBASSADOR WAS LESS THAN ENCOURAGING ON THIS ASPECT OF SCHEDULE AND INDICATED THAT EMBASSY WOULD CONSULT WITH MRS. ROCKEFELLER ON THIS MATTER. VISIT TO HANDICAPPED SOCIETY, IF IT COULD BE SCHEDULED IN MORNING, COULD BE OF SOME INTEREST, BUT OTHER EVENTS LESS ATTRACTIVE UNLESS MRS. ROCKEFELLER HAS PARTICULAR INCLINATION IN THIS DIRE-TION. INFORMAL PROGRAM WHICH WE PROPOSED TO SUGGEST TO MRS. ROCKEFELLER WOULD INCLUDE VISIT TO GOLD SOUK (BAZAAR) AND SOUK AL-HAREEM (LADIES' BAZAAR) AND ALSO TO DHOW HARBOUR, WHERE THESE BOATS ARE BUILT AS THEY HAVE BEEN FOR CENTURIES, AS WELL AS POSSIBLE CALL ON DAME VIOLET DICKSON, WHO OCCUPIES OLD KUWAITI-STYLE HOME ON PERSIAN GULF. ANY EXPRESSION OF MRS. ROCKEFELLER'S INTEREST IN ABOVE-MENTIONED VISITS WOULD BE WELCOME.

5. EMBASSY ASSUMES THAT ARRANGEMENTS FOR AIRCRAFT CLEARANCE AND KUWAITI VISAS ARE ALREADY IN HAND.

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6. REQUEST CONFIRMATION OF ARRIVAL TIME AS SOON AS
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